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CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of Oakmont Borough Council was called to order at 9:00 AM by President Briney in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 767 Fifth Street, Oakmont, Pennsylvania 15139.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Benusa, Coulter, Facaros, Favo, Friday, Whalen and President Briney; Mayor Fescemyer; and Borough Manager Jensen

Visitors: Carrie Del Rosso, Justin Lokay, Shane Michael, Nancy Ride, Christopher Whaley

Manager Jensen requested that Council adjourn to Executive Session after the Special Meeting to discuss a litigation issue. Council agreed.

2018 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Manager Jensen explained to Council the updates she made to the 2018 Preliminary Budget.

Under General Fund, line item #446.610, Stormwater Management, would be expenses incurred for new construction falling under MS4 guidelines. Catch basins and sinkhole repairs will be under line item #446.364 in the Capital Fund (Roads.)

In the Library Fund, line item #456.750 expenses were repairs other than for routine maintenance.

Manager Jensen highlighted open grant applications from the Oakmont Recreation Board for Capital Fund (Parks.) Ms. Jensen also explained the remaining funds from the Comcast grant was earmarked for AV updates in Council Chambers.

Manager Jensen stated that there will be enough funds to replace the 2009 One-Ton Dump Truck for the Street Department. Mr. Benusa wanted to see an

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expanded inventory sheet to add mileage and costs incurred for the Street Department.

Manager Jensen requested decisions from Council on the Capital Requests in the 2018 Budget.

Council discussed the funds needed to cover the remaining \$147,000 needed for the \$195,000 match for the 2018 ARB restoration grant. Mr. Whalen believed the funds were available now and provided his calculations to Councilmembers.

Manager Jensen asked Council about shifting the part-time administrative assistant position to a full-time position in the 2018 Budget. Mr. Favo wanted more detail about the costs involved in changing to a full-time position.

Mr. Benusa wanted an additional \$20,000 to the Capital Parks Fund for Dark Hollow Woods. He wanted it to research a Quit Claim on a defunct railroad property to be used for reaching sewer lines. Mr. Favo wanted \$10,000 put in General Fund for legal fees and \$10,000 in Capital Reserves to the actual Quit Claim.

Council discussed ways to report grant funds and Borough matching funds. Messrs. Whalen and Favo felt the revenues not correctly represented.

Council also wanted the Library to provide detailed calculations on the RAD formula and 12% material expenditures.

President Briney provided a recap of the meeting topics the additional information requested of the Borough Manager.

Mr. Benusa wanted the paving of Creekside Park parking lot to be moved from the Capital Reserve Fund to Capital Parks Fund in the 2018 Budget. He also wanted the sale revenue of the Fire Engine being replaced to be deposited into the Capital Reserve Fund.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

There were no miscellaneous items that evening.

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COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nancy Ride –As a Library Board Member, Ms. Ride informed Council that the Library Director, Beth Mellor had worked on the calculations for the Library Budget to stay within the book purchasing guidelines and RAD funding formula. Ms. Ride stated that the MMO pension allotments pension amounts were a higher percentage all around, not just with the Library Director

Carrie DelRosso – Ms. DelRosso asked about the Borough funds that went into upkeep for Riverside Park. She was concerned that the Riverside School District was not a part of the decision-making process on maintenance. Manager Jensen explained the Borough’s long-standing agreement with the Riverside School District for park maintenance.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct that evening, Mr. Coulter offered a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Whalen seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 0.

The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 11:03 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Moore
Assistant Borough Manager/Secretary